

This Week

Campus Maps available at the Information Ctr.
WC: Worship Center BR: Bride's Room
KC: Kidz Connection OC: Off Campus
LCR: Large Conference Rm in Admin. Office
SCR: Small Conference Rm in Admin. Office
WCL: Worship Center Lobby
ECCR: Event Center Conference Room
EC: Event Center-North or South

Sunday, November 30

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
(In-Person & Livestream)
Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
(In-Person & Livestream)
WC
11:30 a.m. Christmas Hype—EC

Monday, December 1

3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study—OC
Jan Lundy

Tuesday, December 2

1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study—ECCR
Judie Fanucchi
6:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting—LCR

Wednesday, December 3

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study—LCR
Nate Smidt
8:45 a.m. Women's Wednesday Morning
Bible Study—WC Lobby
11:15 a.m. Level 1 Yoga—Music Room
6:00 p.m. AWANA—KC
First Communion—SJLS
Room 104
Confirmation—LCR
SJ Students Jr. High Night—
The Garage
Celebration Choir Rehearsal—
Music Room

Thursday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study—SCR
Dean Nulton
9:00 a.m. SJCC Chapel—WC
6:00 p.m. Bells of Praise Rehearsal—
Music Room

Friday, December 5

8:15 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC
6:00 p.m. Kidz 56—KC

Saturday, December 6

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study—LCR
Lynn Wheeler
9:00 a.m. Women's Christmas Brunch—EC

LOVE • LEARN • LEAD

The people of St. John's
LOVE God and others,
LEARN to be and make
disciples of Jesus Christ, and
LEAD others to discover and live
out their calling as God's people.



Prayers

We invite you to submit your prayer petitions using a Prayer Request card or by contacting Hailey Smidt, 665-7815, or by going online through the website or the SJLC App

PRAYER GUIDE

Health Concerns & Illnesses

*Hospitalized or Skilled Nursing/Rehab
Bob Brandt, Nancy Green, Lance Hall,
Michael Pennington, Hardie Smith

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

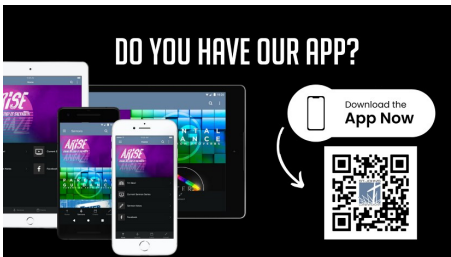
John Andrew

Continued Concerns

Michelle Braughton, Frank Fanucchi,
Diane Ford, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner,
Laura Hanssen, Steve & Cheryl
McConaughy, Bob & Marcia Perry,
JoAnn Pettijohn, Dorothy Sundberg,
Lisa Vorhees

- Our Veterans & active serving military men & women, those with financial and employment needs, our community, A God fearing nation & world, our nation's leaders, local and all nations, our military and their families, Law Enforcement, Emergency Services and their families, LIFEGroups, persecuted Christians, St. John's church body, all staff, Children's Center, School, Angaza Schools, families, teachers, pastors, leaders, spiritual & kingdom growth

Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year 2025-2026:
Budget—\$2,044,300
Last Week's Giving—\$108,632.54
Budget to Date—\$808,521
Year to Date—\$783,744.91
Year to Date Variance—(\$24,776)



Prayer Requests

In November, we received a total of 85 prayer requests. Thank you for allowing us to pray for you.



Wifi password:
Welcome2SJLC



HOPE LIVES HERE: DAVID'S KEYS

2 Samuel 7:11b-16 (Romans 13:8-12; Matthew 21:1-11)

November 30, 2025 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

_____ is different when you have the _____.

_____ has to do with God keeping the _____ He makes.

Jesus is the key who gives you _____ to God's _____.

2 Main Kinds of Covenants:

1. _____: If... then...

2. _____: No matter what!

The city of David (_____)

The Church of the _____

The _____ door: _____ and _____

The _____ effect: _____ toward men

Next week's readings are Matthew 11:2-15, Acts 16:19, 23-34, and Isaiah 61:1-3.



Didn't get all the blanks filled? Sermon audio and notes online at St. John's website: sjlchurch.org/sermons. LIFEWork pages can be found at the Information Centers.

ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church
WWW.SJLCHURCH.ORG

November 30, 2025

LOVE. LEARN. LEAD.



Welcome!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US, WE
ARE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU!

*Reminder: Please silence devices
during worship.

Restrooms

The restrooms are located in the
lobby, across from the nursery.

First Sunday
of
Advent



CHRISTMAS Hype
A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE
TODAY!

Worship Service

9:00 am & 10:30 am



Christmas Hype

11:30 am

KIDS WILL STAY IN SERVICE FOR ALL THE FUN!

FOLLOW US @SJLCBAKERSFIELD




News & Notes

DECEMBER 7, 2025

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

AFTER THE 10:30AM SERVICE

 **Christmas Poinsettias!**
Don't miss the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia and help us beautify our worship during this season. Pick-up order/dedication envelopes at both Welcome Centers, complete the order envelope and if you would like a dedication listed, (e.g., in memory of or in honor of someone), please indicate your dedication on the envelope and drop it in the basket provided. **Last day to order poinsettias is Sunday, December 14.**

 **Calling All Messiah Lovers—Join Us for the Hallelujah Chorus! Sunday, December 21, 9:00 a.m.,** our Sanctuary Choir invites YOU to come up on stage and sing *Handel's Glorious Hallelujah Chorus* with us, no rehearsal required! Let's fill the Sanctuary with that triumphant "Hallelujah" together. It is one of the most joyful traditions of the Christmas season, and there is always room for more voices! Everyone is welcome! Contact Wink Farrand, wfarrand@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.

 **Golden Eagles**
Join us on **Thursday, December 11,** at 11:00 a.m., in the Large Conference Room as we study God's Word and enjoy lunch together. Golden Eagles is a Bible Study for seniors. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, 665-7815 or spersons@sjlchurch.org.

Stay in touch!

Text 'Join' to (833) 420-7948

or scan here!

sjlchurch.org TALK TO YOU SOON!



1) CHOOSE A TAG

2) BUY A CHRISTMAS GIFT ON BEHALF OF AN INCARCERATED PARENT

3) SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS.

HOW IT WORKS?

PRISON FELLOWSHIP

ANGEL TREE 2025



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES

AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP CENTER 3:30PM

SANCTUARY 2PM, 5PM, & 11PM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24TH

SJLCHURCH.ORG/CHRISTMAS FOR ALL THE HOLIDAY EVENTS



Christmas Door Project

1. GRAB A KEY

2. DECORATE YOUR DOOR

3. TAG US @SJLBAKERSFIELD


4. BE ENTERED IN A RAFFLE

#HOPELIVESHERE

STARTS NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025

Let's Spread the Hope of Jesus



 **Come Sing with us this Christmas!**
Would you love to fill our Sanctuary with the joy of Christmas music? We'd be thrilled to have you join the Choir as we prepare beautiful anthems that will touch hearts and lift spirits during this special season. No audition required, just bring your voice and your love for singing praises! Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., in the Choir Room. Contact Wink Farrand, wfarrand@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815. Come make a joyful noise with us, new voices are always welcome!

 **First Sunday of Advent**
Every Sunday during this Advent season, one of our St. John's families will be lighting the Advent Candle. Today, the *Candle of Hope*, will be lit at both services by Ryan & Chelsie Flores. *We HOPE for a Messiah to save us from the sin in the world (Isaiah 9:6-7).*

 **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study**
Not meeting today, Join us December 7, at 10:15 a.m., in the ECCR as we resume our Sunday morning Adult Bible Study led by Bob Schneider. Bring your Bibles and your curiosity as we hear God's Word preached and study His word together. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.

Women's Ministry

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS

Brunch

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

9 - 11 AM, EVENT CENTER

TICKETS ON SALE ONLINE OR IN CHURCH OFFICE



Widow to Widow


2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH


11:45 AM


SJLCHURCH.ORG/WIDOWS


Join us Tuesday, December 9, 11:45 a.m., in the LCR. This is our last meeting for 2025.



 **Women's Monday Afternoon Bible Study**
Join us Monday, December 1, at 3:00 p.m., as we resume our Bible Study, off campus at a members home each week. Questions, contact Jan Lundy, 665-7815. Everyone is welcome.

 **Women's Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study**
Join us Tuesday, December 2 at 1:30 p.m., in the ECCR. Everyone is welcome! Questions, contact Judie Fanucchi, 665-7815.

 **Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study**
Join us Wednesday, December 3, at 8:45 a.m., in the Worship Center Lobby. Childcare is available, to register, go to: sjlchurch.org. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.


 **Improve your flexibility, balance and strength**
Join us at 11:15 a.m., in The Garage for Level 1 Yoga led by Linda Cole. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, 665-7815 or spersons@sjlchurch.org.

Thank you for worshipping with us! Come again soon!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Bible Study

Join us Wednesday mornings, 6:15 a.m., in the LCR, to begin your day in God's Word led by Pastor Ben Schrank. Everyone is welcome! See you there!




WIDOWER'S CONNECTION


Fourth Thursday of the month @10am

EMAIL BSCHRANK@SJLCHURCH.ORG FOR MORE INFO.



In December, we will meet Thursday, December 18, in the SCR. Questions, contact Pastor Ben Schrank, 665-7815 or bschrank@sjlchurch.org.

 **Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study**
We will resume on Thursday, December 4. Questions, contact Dean Nulton, 665-7815.

 **The following is an official IRS ruling: "Receipt of 2025 Contributions:**
Donors must deliver or mail checks on or by December 31, 2025, in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2025. Checks that are placed in the church offering on the first Sunday of 2026 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2025, even if the check is pre-dated to 2025 or was actually written in 2025. However, checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2025 will be deductible in 2025 though they are not received by the church until 2026."

 **Bakersfield Master Chorale**
Join us for a joyful evening of music! Experience Handel's *Messiah Sing-Along* and other beloved Christmas favorites, featuring soloists and orchestra on **Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.,** at Del Oro High School, 1750 E. Panama Lane. Admission is free, tickets are only available at the door and donations are gratefully accepted. Come and celebrate the season, lift up your voice and your spirit with the Bakersfield Master Chorale. Questions, contact bakersfieldmasterchorale.org.

STUDENTS JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT WED • 6-7:30PM MEETS IN THE GARAGE

DOORS & SNACK BAR OPEN AT 5:30!

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT SUN • 6-8PM MEETS IN THE GARAGE

young adults group every other Sunday night @ 8pm in the Garage! follow us on instagram @sjyoungadults! contact courtney for details: cjemerson@sjlchurch.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WAKE UP! WITH SJ STUDENTS

ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS: DEC 14 • FEB 1 • MAR 22 DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50

JUNIOR HIGH hume winter camp JAN 23-25

HIGH SCHOOL hume winter camp FEB 6-9

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

MORE INFO? CJJEMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS.BAKERSFIELD YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

ST. JOHN'S BAKERSFIELD KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES PRESENT

The First Christmas

A Holiday Musical For Young Singers

DECEMBER 18, 2025

ST. JOHN'S BAKERSFIELD 3RD-6TH GRADES PRESENT

Carol's Christmas

DECEMBER 9, 2025



Join the St. John's students for their Christmas Choral Concerts. Third Grade through Sixth Grade Choirs are presenting, *Carols for Christmas*, **Tuesday, December 9,** at 6:00 p.m., in the Worship Center. Kindergarten through Second Grade Choirs are presenting, *The First Christmas*, **Thursday, December 11,** at 6:00 p.m., in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome to attend!

SJ Kidz MINISTRY

We want to be part of an ongoing conversation with you and your children, talking about the LOVE of God, how to LEARN about God, and how to LEAD friends to know God.

Join us every Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool-6th during both services. Check-in your child at Kidz Min Kiosk.

NURSERY

0-3 year old during both services Check-in your child at the Kidz Min Kiosk.

YOU ARE INVITED!!!

CHRISTMAS Hype A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE TODAY!

Worship Service 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Christmas Hype 11:30 am

KIDS WILL STAY IN SERVICE FOR ALL THE FUN!

A W A N A

4 years old-4th grade Kids will take part in weekly dress up themes, Bible stories, memorizing and reciting scripture. Earning them fun prizes and awards.

For more information www.sjlchurch.org/AWANA

Questions contact Lorraine Davis 665-7815 ldavis@sjlchurch.org

Scrip Makes Great Gifts! We can take special orders for your personal or business needs for the Christmas season. Deadline for special orders is December 10. Plan now to shop with gift cards or give them as Christmas gifts!

St. John's SCRIP You can purchase SCRIP after each service until Sunday, December 21, at the school Kiosk. You can also purchase SCRIP at the school office during the week during the school year. SCRIP is face value gift cards from local and national retailers and restaurants. Why use SCRIP? It is easy and a percentage of every purchase of SCRIP comes back to support our School and Children's Center. Questions, contact the school office, 664-8090.

